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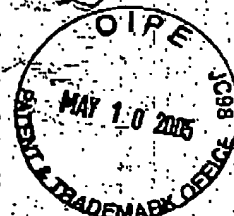
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	Request for Reconsideration		
	Declaration Under Rule 132 with Curriculum Vitae attached		
	Exhibits 1 and 2		
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Applicant : Gertrud HOETTEN
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TC/A.U. : 1646
Examiner : Prema Maria Mertz

Confirmation No. 7142

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed 14 March 2005 and further in response to the Advisory Action mailed 28 April 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.